

Site: M:26/13/9

Janeta Houses - Survey District

Built: 1886-1895
1940s

808, 812, 814, 816, 818, 822 Veirs Mill Road

Private

The Janeta houses are typical of the vernacular architecture which characterizes late 19th century development in Rockville. The five vernacular Victorians in this row are complementary in scale, form, rhythm, setback, materials, and architectural detailing. Dr. Charles and Catherine Maddox platted this six-block subdivision, selling building lots to local families who desired medium-sized dwellings near the railroad station and the Town.

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Magi No. 1651365604

DOE ☐ yes ☐ noNR eligible ☐ yes ☐ no
contrib. element in H.D. ☐

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Janeta Houses Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 808, 812, 814, 816, 818, 822 Veirs Mill Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Rockville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 2)

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple Owners, Libers and folios (See attachment 4.1)

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records ☐ seestreet & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse ☐ folio 4.1

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

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Owners, address, Liber/folio, square footage of Janeta Houses.

	<u>Owners</u>	<u>address</u>	<u>lot/block 1</u>	<u>L/f</u>	<u>square feet</u>
808	Harold E. & F.G.Beall	10920 Bangor Pl Kensington, Md. 20895	pt.1	5528/075	12,432
812	Ralph N. & D.C. Bundy	812 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, 20851	pt.lots 1&2	5172/869	12,731
814	George D.& K.E. Manseil	814 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, 20851	pt.lots 2&3	6540/415	10,460
816	Lynn A. Brickman	816 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, 20851	pt.lots 3&4	6716/735	10,980
818	Kiyoko A. Wittenburg	818 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, 20851	pt. 4	4089/073	10,800
822	Mervin A. & H. Schwedt	10221 Norton Rd. Potomac, Md. 20854	pt. 5	5286/143	14,011

71,910

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The subject row of vernacular late Victorian houses faces south on Veirs Mill Road, between Maryland Route 28 (Norbeck Road) and the northbound access to Stonestreet Avenue. The houses are sited on deep lots of moderate width. The environment has been radically altered by the widening of Veirs Mill from a two-lane dirt road with side ditches to a six-lane dual highway with medians and turn lanes and the construction of realigned Maryland Route 28 through to Veirs Mill. An overpass now spans the original on-grade Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks and Metrorail lines a block away from the houses, beginning near Rt. 28 and reaching mid-story by the end of the block. The front setback has been largely lost to right-of-way acquisition for expanded Veirs Mill, reducing front lawn area and increasing traffic impact on the houses. Although the blocks along Veirs Mill to the east remain single-family detached residential units, the land directly across Veirs Mill, which has traditionally been used for neighborhood service businesses such as auto service stations and repair shops, is being redeveloped as mid-rise office use.

The row is consistent in mass, rhythm, and setback, uniformly 2-1/2 story houses with front or attic gables, two or three bays wide and with front porches. The only 20th century house at #812 is a compatible Colonial with front portico.

With more intense business uses nearby and increased traffic closer to the front facades, the focus of these houses has changed from the front to the fairly deep rear yards, with one front porch totally enclosed, one now serving as a sheltered stoop, and a number of additions built on the rear of the houses. Most of the houses have had new exterior claddings, primarily asbestos wood-grain shingle and one aluminum siding. Parking areas and garages are in the rear, accessed by a paved east-west alley entered from a service road parallel to Rt. 28 and exiting to Mapleton Avenue. Despite these changes, the character of the row of 2-1/2 story houses as late 19th century development remains, both in structure and landscape. Numerous large oak and maple trees remain on the street and in yards, including a ca. 150 year old oak at #812. Many of the structures also have original outbuildings, stables, and garages, in the side or rear yard.

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808 Veirs Mill Road

This c. 1886 frame, three-bay by two-bay, rectangular side-gabled house has a front attic gable relieved by a diamond-shaped Queen Anne window with colored and clear glass, a central front porch and a 2-1/2 story rear wing with balustraded open porches on the east side. The cross-gable roof is covered with slate shingles and has two corbelled brick interior chimneys, one near the east and one near the west end. The exterior is clad with asbestos wood-grain shingles. Windows are 2/2 with fully architaved window and door surrounds and are longer on the first story. The transomed exterior door is in the center bay. The 2/3 width front porch has a shed roof supported by two turned wooden posts. The foundation is fieldstone.

812 Veirs Mill Road

This c. 1940 frame 2-1/2 story, three-bay by two-bay, rectangular house has a gabled front portico sheltering the east bay front exterior door and a one-story wing on the east facade. The side-gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has one corbelled brick exterior chimney on the east. The exterior is clad with wood clapboard. Windows are 6/1 with shutters. The foundation is concrete.

814 Veirs Mill Road

This c. 1895 frame, two-bay by two-bay, rectangular side-gabled house with front attic gable has a full-width front porch which wraps around the east side, joining an enclosed rear porch attached to a 2-1/2 story rear wing. The cross-gable roof is covered with patterned tin shingles and has one corbelled brick interior chimney on the rear slope. The exterior is clad with aluminum siding with a vented section in the front gable, probably concealing the characteristic diamond-shaped window. The foundation is fieldstone. Windows are shuttered 2/2 or 4/4 with plain window and door surrounds. The hipped-roof of the one-story front porch is supported by five brick replacement columns set on a brick base the height of the original wood porch. The transomed one-light wood door is in the east bay. The enclosed rear east porch has an exterior door on the south side, opening onto the wrapped porch. There is a brick rear porch, similar to the front, and a one-story brick rear addition.

816 Veirs Mill Road

This c. 1895 frame, three-bay by two-bay, square house with a pyramidal hipped-roof has a front attic gable relieved by a diamond-shaped four-light window. It has a front porch and a 2-1/2 story rear wing with shed-roofed one-story rear porch. The hipped roof is covered with

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patterned tin shingles and has one large corbelled brick central chimney. The exterior is clad with asbestos wood-grain shingles, covering cornerboards but leaving the cornice exposed. Windows are shuttered 2/2 with plain window and door surrounds. The full-width front porch has a low-hipped standing seam tin roof supported by three Doric columns on brick piers. The porch decking has been removed and a brick stoop now provides access to the transomed one-light wood panel door in the east bay. The foundation has been parged with concrete.

818 Veirs Mill Road

This 1894 frame, two-bay by two-bay, rectangular front-gabled house has a jerkinhead roof with a small rectangular three-light window in the front gable. The front gable is filled with fish-scale shingles; the remaining front facade is wood clapboard. On the sides, a modern synthetic siding has been installed over the old material. The foundation is brick. The hipped-roof 2/3-width front porch has been enclosed with vertical tongue and groove siding, and a 1-1/2 story board and batten rear wing is off the northwest corner of the house with a one-story rear porch addition enclosed with aluminum siding to the east. The jerkinhead front-gabled roof is covered with patterned tin shingles and has two brick interior chimneys, one on the east slope to the rear and the other on the board and batten addition. Windows are predominantly 2/2 with louvered wood shutters and plain window and door surrounds.

822 Veirs Mill Road

This c. 1887 frame, three-bay by three-bay, rectangular front-gabled house has full-width one-story front and rear porches. The front gable is relieved by a pair of 6/6 windows, while 2/2 windows with plain surrounds predominate elsewhere. The front porch low-hipped roof is supported by four Doric columns and has a center bay one-light wood panel door with transom. The front-gabled roof with wide eaves and full returns has two brick chimneys, one covered with a brick arch on the west slope, and a corbelled chimney on the east slope. The exterior is clad with asbestos wood-grain shingles. The rear porch has a half-wall balustrade with glazing above, and a low-hipped roof supported by plain square wooden posts. The foundation is brick.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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				local history

Specific dates c. 1886-1895, 1940s Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The Janeta Houses are typical of the vernacular architecture that characterizes this late 19th century community. Their similarity of scale, form, and materials results in an architecturally cohesive neighborhood unit.

ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA:

1. Historic context theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
2. Geographic Organization: Piedmont, Montgomery County, City of Rockville
3. Chronological Period(s): Maturation and Expansion: 1873-1931.
4. Resource type: Single Family Residence

History and Support

In 1886, Charles Maddox and his wife Catherine Jane Harding (Maddox) began selling building lots on the southern portion of land owned by Mrs. Maddox. The Maddoxes laid out six squares (blocks) of lots and named the subdivision "Janeta" in Mrs. Maddox' honor. 1/ The cross streets were platted as Harding and Robb Streets, named for the previous owners of this land, Mrs. Maddox' father Henry Harding and her grandfather Adam Robb. These streets have since been renamed to continue the nomenclature of those in the adjacent "Rockville Park" development. 2/ In Janeta, First Street was laid out to run north-south through the land, connecting the Washington City Road (now Veirs Mill) to the Maddox house and lands on the northern end along Baltimore Road.

The original lots measured 80 X 180 feet; at almost 1/3 acre each, they were 30 feet wider than any other building sites then being offered in Rockville, even those in the larger developments west of Rockville. The first homes in Janeta were built in 1886-1887 and

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include those on each end of this block (808 and 822 Veirs Mill Road). They probably predate the actual platting of Janeta since tax information and Montgomery County Sentinel newspaper notices refer to them as "lots bought of Dr. Maddox", without reference to Block and Lot numbers. 3/

Those who built or owned homes in Janeta were a cross-section of City/County families of moderate financial means, though not the professional social elite. These two story, 6-9 room frame dwellings were erected by middle level civil servants, artisans, or more prosperous local merchants and shop keepers like the Mouldens, Rabbitts and Beans. Janeta had its own small store across First Street on Square 5. Several of the Janeta houses belonged to Misses Elizabeth Pumphrey, Mary English, and Blanche Braddock, widows or daughters of old County families. 4/

The subject houses are located on Square (Block) 1 of Janeta. The block is divided into five lots, but #808 occupies all of Lot 1 and part of Lot 2. When Charles Corrick purchased the remainder of Lot 2 and all of 3 and 4, he subdivided these three lots into four building sites which were sold individually. 5/ There are presently six residences on block 1 fronting on Veirs Mill Road. (#812 is a later 20th century infill.)

The five Janeta homes that predate the turn of the century all share a similarity in size and scale, with only minor variations of silhouette and detailing. Although the houses have been altered, sufficient original elements remain to form a composite picture of vernacular styles of the late 19th century. Three of the houses have similar facades - three bays wide, two stories high, with a steeply-pitched attic gable decorated with a diamond-shaped window. (#808 retains its original "fancy" window of beveled, stained glass.) Four of the homes have a full-width one-story porch; the original bracketed posts or slender classical columns remain on most. The smaller entry porch on #808 has Eastlake-inspired turned wooden supports. Tin roofs, traces of fishscale shingling, and original two-over-two fenestration with plain lintels are in evidence.

The house numbered 808, constructed in approximately 1886, was the first residence constructed in Janeta. This house adjoined the Spencer Jones estate, and the foreclosure sale of the property in 1905 provides a description of the house and a contemporary opinion of the neighborhood desirability. The sale was advertised in the Montgomery County Advocate issues of April, 1905 and appears in the Judgment Records. 8/ The advertisement mentions the lot as a desirable one of 162 X 185 feet, "shaded by a growth of native forest trees". The short walking distance to both the railroad depot and the electric car

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line was a convenience. The building was described as a

substantial dwelling house, two stories high
with porch along entire front and also two
story back porch. House contains 8 rooms...
heated by furnace and has water in the house.

The house and lot were sold for \$2,600.

The house numbered 822, at the corner of Veirs Mill Road and First Street, was the second house built, constructed in 1887 for Elizabeth Connell. In 1927 it was advertised for sale and contained 8 rooms, bath and electricity.

Number 818, the smallest of the houses, is only two bays wide but is distinguished by its front clipped or "Jerkinhead" gable; this house was erected in 1894 by a builder named Monday for the Michael McMahon family. 6/ It was later the residence of the Rev. J.W. Tamblyn, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, which occupies a site to the rear of these houses. The original frame church was dedicated in 1906 and has been replaced by the present brick ediface. 7/

The attached undated surveyor's plat of "Magrath" Place" (attachment 8.4) shows the original blocks of Janeta. It cannot be dated more precisely than after 1906, since it shows the Church, store, and several houses, but other houses known to exist are not drawn. The Plat's title is puzzling since the McGraths were 18th century land-owners who had not owned this land since the 1830s.

The 1910 Tax Assessment Records document the valuation for some of the houses on Square 1. Assessments range from a value of \$600 for the modest #818 to a high of \$1,800 for the Laura Riehl house (#808) at the west end.

The houses at #808 and #810 are now partially hidden from Veirs Mill Road and lie below street level due to the construction and successive widening of the bridge carrying traffic over the B&O railroad tracks. The entire block is now bordered on two sides by the heavily traveled Veirs Mill Road and Route 28. A few of the Janeta houses and other houses on the south side of Veirs Mill have already been lost to modern road improvements.

Footnotes:

1. The Plat for "Janeta" as recorded in 1914 at Plat Book A 10/11 does not show an early survey, referring only to a deed purchase by Ms. Connell of a lot for \$100. However, both the Tax Assessment records and the Montgomery County Sentinel record

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- sales of lots by the Maddoxes in 1886. Janeta was resurveyed many times until 1953 to add new blocks and subdivide previous lots.
2. Harding Street is now Grandin Avenue; Robb Street is now Reading Avenue. Another street called Park Street was replaced by Maple. Grandin, Reading and Maple are all streets in the expanded "Rockville Park" subdivision that abuts Janeta on the west.
 3. Tax Assessment Records show that Charles Corrick owned a lot and \$900 improvement in 1886. At the time of its sale to Laura Riehl in 1894, the tax records show this site as Lot 1 and part of lot 2 in Janeta.
 4. Montgomery County Sentinel abstracts 1886-1930 and Tax Assessment records 1886-1918.
 5. Montgomery County Land Records JA38/207 from Maddox to Charles Corrick for \$750 (1893), lots 2,3,and 4 in Square 1.
 6. Sentinel, February 9, 1984, "Michael McMahon started home in Janeta, builder Monday."
 7. Ibid, September 14, 1906, "dedication of Free Methodist Church, of frame, cost \$1,200. Rev. J.W. Tamblyn Pastor."
 8. Montgomery County Judgment Records J.L.B.2/186 et seq, Equity #1741. Sale May 2, 1905.

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle name

~~See Attachment 4.1~~

Quadrangle scale _____

A

Zone Easting Northing

The figure shows three horizontal coordinate scales. The first scale is labeled 'Zone' and has four tick marks. The second scale is labeled 'Easting' and has six tick marks. The third scale is labeled 'Northing' and has six tick marks. Each scale is represented by a horizontal line with vertical tick marks at regular intervals.

B

Zone Easting Northing

C 

E 

G

[illegible]

Lots 1-5, Block 1 of Janeta, bordering the north side of Veirs Mill Road.

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Arch.	description
Anne Cissel	J. Christensen	

organization Peerless Rockville date December, 1986

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city or town Rockville state Maryland 20850

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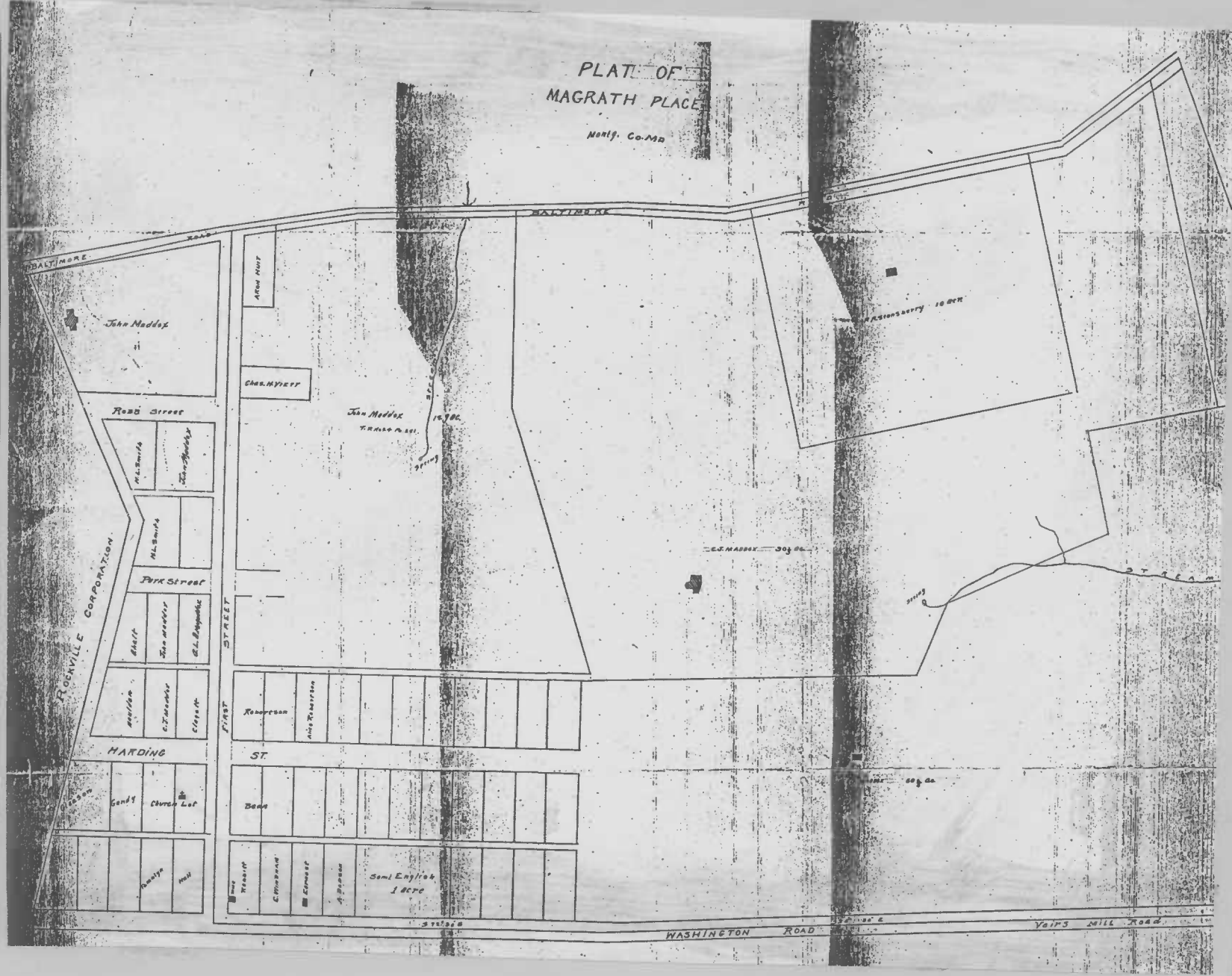
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Plat 210, undated. "Plat of Magrath Place".
County Historical Society. Courtesy Montgomery



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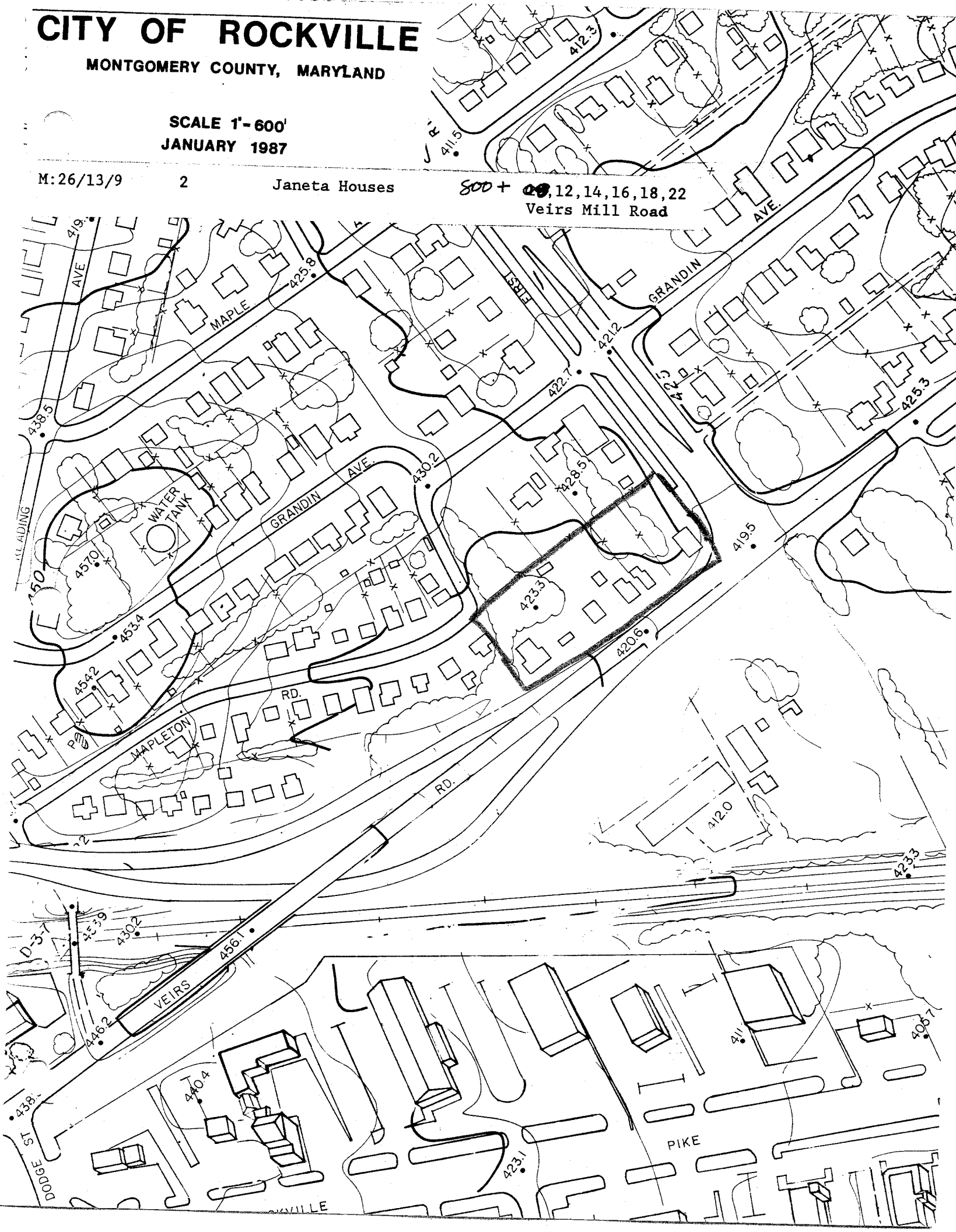
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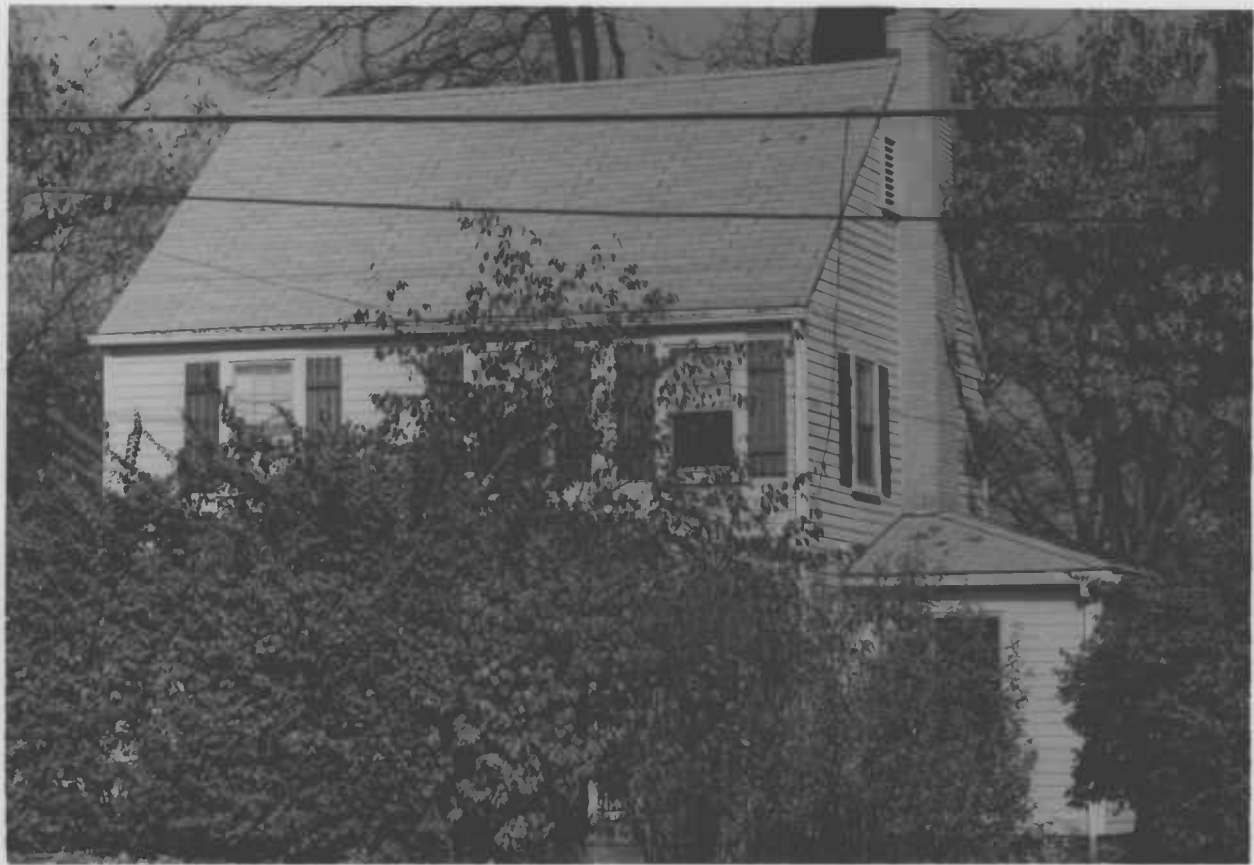
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Janeta Houses (808)
800 block Veirs Mill Rd.
Rockville, Md. 20850

Richard Andrews

date: 6/1987 elevation: so

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Janeta Houses (812)

800 block Veirs Mill Rd.

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date:6/1987 elevation: south

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